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# More News

## STM's Sacred Song & Script



**Think More, Give More, Live More**



GOD SEES IN YOU  
WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE  
IN YOUR <sup>SELF</sup>!

Talented art students from STM have recently had their work exhibited in Durham Cathedral's Galilee Chapel. Each piece of art explores Theology and shows how young people have responded to and interpreted religious writings and music inspired by the theme Sacred Song and Script. Over 200 students from the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership have spent the last few months creating thought-provoking and inspirational artwork in various media, including Ethan Boyd and Natalie Bolam, both in Year 10, who have produced the fabulous pieces pictured above.

### STM Student Council 2014



Our Student Council continue to do great work representing our Student body here at STM RC Academy. Mrs Donkin has given the School Council an annual budget and at their recent meeting it was decided that they would like to buy some sports equipment that they can use at lunch times. All students of all year groups are encouraged to take their ideas to their Year group representative. Pictured here, left to right, are Joseph O'Brien and Aleesha Gonzales from Year 11, Alfie Briggs from Year 10 and Mathew Fearn, Billy Fitzpatrick, and Emma Malcolm from Year 8,

## To The Lighthouse



There was a brief break in the clouds, just long enough for our Sixth Form students to get some powerful shots of the lighthouse and its environment. They received much praise at our recent 6th Form Open Evening as students put their work on display. The Enrichment course has provided opportunities for students to enhance their other creative courses using photography to build a portfolio. Milly Beveridge is studying Perspective in Art and is using this Enrichment opportunity to build up an impressive portfolio.

## DANCECITY

### Dance for the North

## STM Students on the MOVE

We welcomed a talent scout from Dance City to school recently and he led a superb dance workshop for 21 year 8 - 10 pupils. All of the girls who took part danced brilliantly and Mr Hopson was very impressed with the level of talent at the school. 6 of the students; Jenny Hutchinson, Millie Harrison, Holly Cramman, Natalie Heed, Emma Walker, and Jodie Ross, who took part in the workshop, were invited to attend an audition for Dance City's Advanced Training Programme, a specially designed course to help only the most able dancers move into the professional world of dance. We wish these talented girls the best of luck in their coming audition.



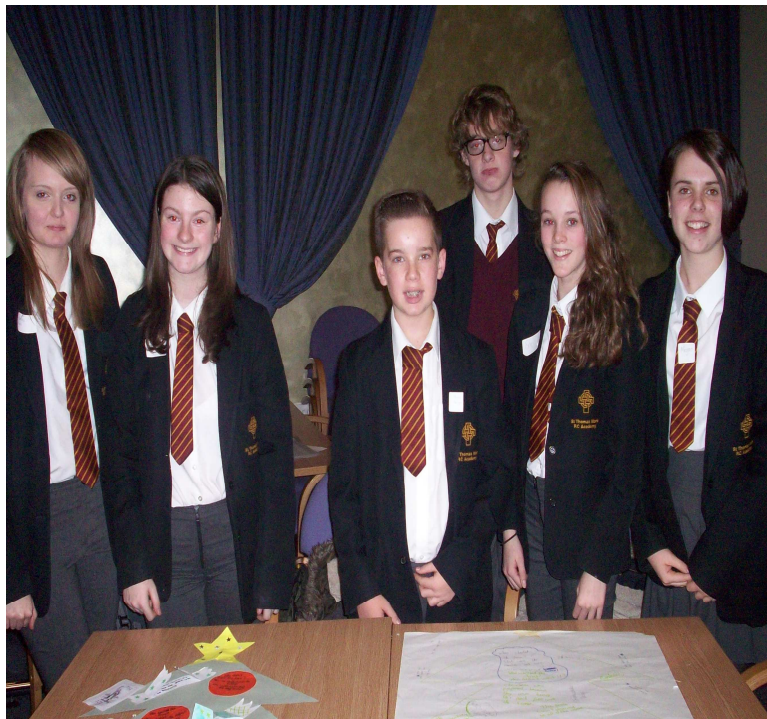
## STM are Cross Country Champions!

Congratulations to our Cross Country Runners who competed recently, they really are superbly talented and a credit to the school. The course was very difficult, with a few lost shoes in muddy puddles, but the students all ran very well. Special congratulations to the Year 8 team: The Year 8 boys finished in 3rd place (a superb result), with Sol Bell coming home in 6th place individually out of approximately 90 runners. The Year 8 girls won the whole team race and were amazing. Lastly, a huge congratulations to Eira Hegarty - who won the year 8 girls event. Mr Burnett says this was much deserved as she is "a brilliant runner."

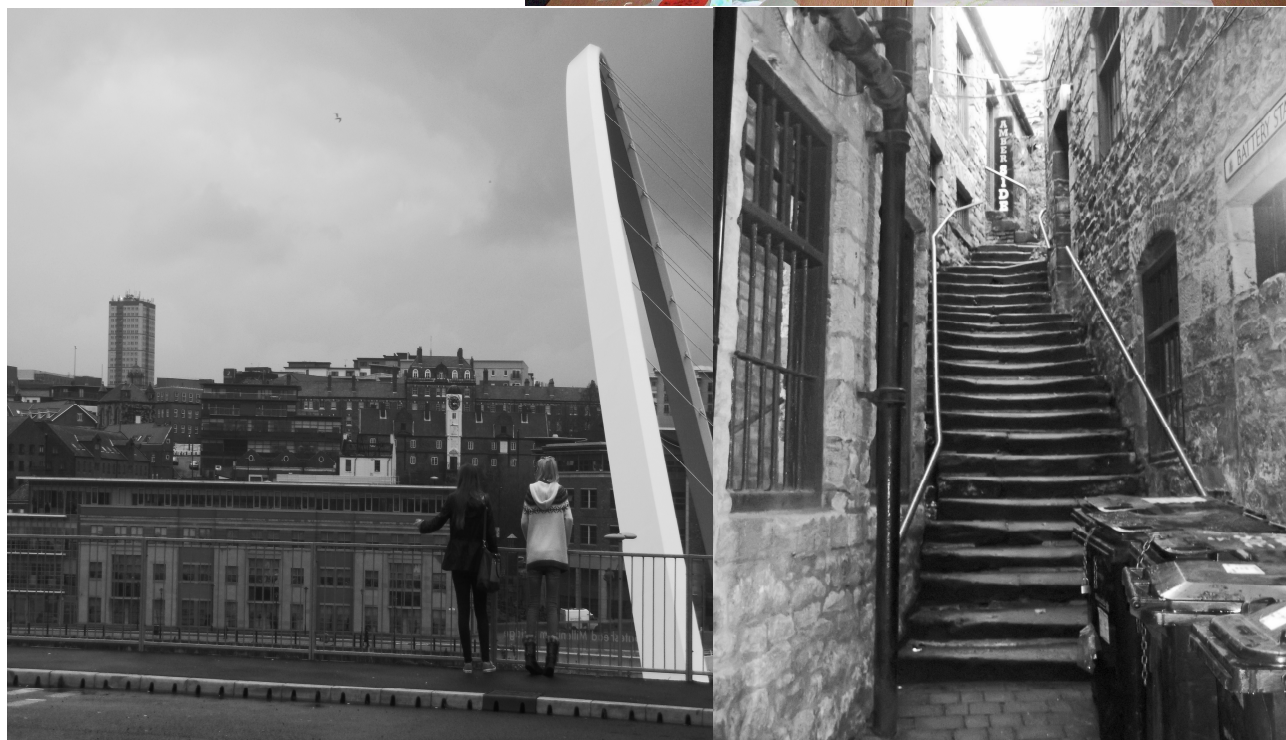


## Year 9 History Trip

Year nine students attended a History workshop at the end of last term in Durham. It was very successful and incorporated a significant amount of French as well as History. Students had to work alongside students from other schools to create their own enquiry into the Christmas Truce of the First World War. It was specifically designed to stretch the brightest students and create a passion for the subjects. Students investigated different source material to develop their critical and inference skills, both of which our super students demonstrated brilliantly.



## STM at The Side Gallery



A trip to the Side Gallery in Newcastle proved very enriching for our Photography students. The exhibition, EUROVISIONS; 1989 All That Falls, has strong links to Art, History, and Political studies as the exhibition centres on the events around the Fall of the Berlin Wall. Many students were shocked to discover that a photographic image could be used as a powerful tool for good and ill as one of the photographers in the exhibition had been jailed for taking a photo of a Communist party member asleep in a meeting. Other images record the euphoria that overtook both officials and civilians as the Berlin Wall was brought down. The images on display were mostly black and white and our students responded by taking their own atmospheric images around the Newcastle Quayside area, exploring black and white techniques as seen above.



# RFU

## Yr 7 and 8 RUGBY FESTIVAL



Years 7 and 8 Rugby players enjoyed a fabulous day at the recent RFU Development Festival aimed at encouraging local youngsters to play rugby and even sign up to a local team. It was a fabulous opportunity for our students to play at Bullocksteads and despite the cold, a great day was had by all! Our Special Thanks go to the RFU and Ian Broderick from Percy Park Rugby Club for giving our Lads a great day out and a runaround to remember!



### Notices for Parents



Our PE Department are collecting the **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS** vouchers again. Please send any vouchers in with students or feel free to drop off at Reception. Last Year we were able to buy £1000 worth of Sports Equipment with these vouchers so they really do add up!

### Guys and Dolls - 11th / 12th March 2014.

The school production this year is the award-winning musical "Guys and Dolls" based on stories and characters by Damon Runyon, with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, it tells the story of life in the 1950's. Presented at the Newcastle Royal Grammar School's Performing Arts Centre at 7.00pm tickets are now on sale from school at £8 / £5 concs.

### Accessing our School

It is important to us that parents and members of the community can easily contact us and gain access to the school premises. If you have a disability or condition that has made/will make this difficult, please let us know so that we can make any necessary adjustments to our buildings, services or systems of communication. Please *contact 0191 2588340 or email [lmcardle@stmacademy.org.uk](mailto:lmcardle@stmacademy.org.uk)*.